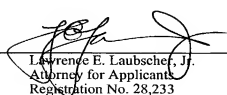


FORM PTO-1390 (REV 10-2000)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 22001	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If (16) none, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">10/031689</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP01/02820		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 30 March 2001		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: May 24, 2000	
TITLE OF INVENTION EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION APPARATUS AND EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Nobuhiro KOBAYASHI, Shigemi KOBAYASHI, Takaaki MATSUMOTO, Nozomi KAISE					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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4. <input type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).				
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))				
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).				
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	has been communicated by the International Bureau.				
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).				
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).				
7. <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).				
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c. <input type="checkbox"/>	have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.				
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	have not been made and will not be made.				
8. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).				
9. <input type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).				
10. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).				
Item 11 to 16 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.				
12. <input type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.				
13. <input type="checkbox"/>	A FIRST preliminary amendment.				
14. <input type="checkbox"/>	A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.				
15. <input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.				
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information: Application Data Sheet				

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CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$ 890
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$ 130
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
Total claims	8 - 20 =	0
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)		+ \$280.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 1020
Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$
SUBTOTAL =		\$
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +		\$
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